Indian Standards through Gazette Notification No.GSR 759(E) and GSR 760(E) with effect from 29th March, 2001 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. According to the notifications, no person is authorized to manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale Packaged Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water except under Bureau of Indian Standards Certification Marks. Hence, the sale of the Bottled Water by the manufacturers not having BIS Certification Marks Licence is illegal and unauthorized. The State Health Authorities are required to take appropriate action against such manufacturers under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Rules framed thereunder.

(d) and (e) BIS has already evolved Indian Standard IS:14543 for Packaged Drinking Water and Indian Standard IS: 13428 for Packaged Natural Mineral Water. These two standards were published in the year 1998 and made mandatory with effect from 29 March, 2001.

National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

*256. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for repairing of National Highway in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the allocation of fund for the same, District-wise; and

(c) by when, the same is likely to be sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Repair and maintenance of National Highways are continuous activities and are taken up depending on the condition of the road, traffic intensity, *inter-se* priority and overall availability of funds.

(b) and (c) During the current financial year an amount of Rupees 5787.04 lakh has been allocated out of which 5737.04 lakh have already been released for the repair and maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh. Funds are not allocated district-wise.